



725th Main Support Battalion

Quarterly Newsletter

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Greetings from Logistical Task Force 725 **OEF-5 Bagram, Afghanistan**

by

LTC Derek S. Smith

LTF 725 Commander

Aloha from Bagram, Afghanistan! All of our soldiers have made the trip safely and are settling in well. Logistical Task Force 725 has taken over the logistical support for Bagram from LTF 129 (Ft. Campbell, KY). During our transition, everyone was busy meeting the soldiers that have worked here before us for 9 months and learning about our upcoming missions. We officially took over the mission a little more than four weeks ago from LTF 129 and went to work supporting Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)!

During this busy time, our soldiers are getting acquainted with the bases that we will call home for the next year. Each soldier is busy honing their skills in fuel operations, transportation missions, food, supply support operations, ammunition operations, and much more. 725 supports most of these types of missions for all the soldiers in the northern region of Afghanistan. This includes South Korean, Egyptian, Polish, Slovakian forces and many other coalition allies. This year should prove to be very busy for us all!



On a lighter note, the temperature when we arrived in Bagram was around 58°F/34° F – a lot cooler than home. It is steadily rising, and we are getting acquainted with dust storms, which are a common occurrence through the spring and summer. With an elevation of about a mile high, our soldiers are also getting used to the lack of oxygen during PT! Yet everyone seems to be doing well. In between our serious missions, many soldiers are taking advantage of Bagram's gym facilities, and others are enjoying the use of our MWR building to play cards or watch some T.V. We will soon be expanding our MWR facility and giving our temporary home a little "aloha" style. We'll send pictures soon! We have started things off right with the Tropic Lightning spirit. Some of the Task Force competed in a Mardi Gras 10K race and the St. Patrick's Day race around Bagram's Air Field.

Our soldiers are doing extremely well here; but I want to recognize one in particular. SPC James Hanson, an electronic repair specialist, has won a very prestigious honor here- the CJTF-180 Soldier of the Month! First, SPC Hanson competed and won the Soldier of the Month board at the Task Force Level. Then, he went on to compete at the Brigade level, where he won again! Finally, he won at the Joint Task Force Level, against all the other candidates from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines! I want to say congratulations, as he has worked very hard for the title. I hope that SPC Hanson sets the standard for the next year- I'd like to see more 725 soldiers win the title!

We plan on updating you all on a regular basis. As for e-mail and phones, we are busy trying to free some additional PCs and phone lines for morale calls. However, please be patient with your loved ones, as they are currently very limited. Of course, sending letters and packages is always appreciated. Currently, letters are taking about 8-12 days to arrive here.



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SPC Markus Ford hard at work in the Electronic Maintenance Shop

Aloha Family and Friends!

by CPT Dawn Hayman
HQ/A Co Commander

Aloha family and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that the soldiers, NCOs and Officers of HQ/A, LTF 725 are doing a fabulous job here in Bagram. Already we have improved our surrounding by adding that Aloha Spirit. CPT Soraya Esmaili, SFC Jennifer Flores, SGT Roth Quidnau, and PV2 Billy Scharf are improving our MWR facility daily. Between the four of them, DVD's are loaned out, books issued, movies are shown, and the facility is maintained as well as expanded.

The company has gained some attachments while here in Bagram. We have the 54th Mortuary Affairs Detachment, the 329th Petroleum Fuel Lab and the 58th Petroleum Fuelers working along side of us, and we couldn't be more proud. They each provide a critical piece of the mission that we couldn't do without.

Most soldiers here are doing more than one job. One multi-hat wearer, for example, is my right hand, 1SG Green. He not only answers endless questions for me, but is also serving as the Acting CSM. Someone else I couldn't do without is my brand new platoon leader, 2LT Jennie Wunderlich. She is currently the accountable officer for the SSA, and has the responsibility of being the service and support platoon leader, which includes 5 different sections; the transportation platoon, the guard force, mortuary affairs, POL fuelers and POL testers. We are always looking for new tasks for 2LT Wunderlich to take on and feel confident she is up for the challenge.

However, it is not all work and no fun here; just today we were allowed to participate in 10k fun run around the perimeter. Of course the LTF 725 females finished on top - SGT Ontiveros took 2nd Place, CPT Barton took 3rd and PV2 Diaz took 5th. 1SG Green took 9th overall for males, and was the 1st male to come in for LTF 725. For their stellar performance, each was awarded a \$20.00 gift certificate from AAFES- Of which CPT Barton, 1SG Green and some others donated to the MWR efforts for our camp. I guess the kudos were enough for them. For those of us that did not place, we were given a t-shirt as a reward.

One of the most joyous parts of the day here is mail call. PV2 Diaz, our mail clerk, writes the names of mail recipients on a dry erase board for all to see. Each day we huddle around the board and anxiously look for our names. Thank you all for the care packages you are sending. I would especially like to thank CPT Stephanie Barton's Family for all the coffee mugs they sent us. Now we each have our very own!

Our Family and friends are very important to us and we appreciate all your support!

25th ID (L) Commanding General's Visit to LTF 725 in Afghanistan

by SFC Gary Canteen
S-3 NCOIC

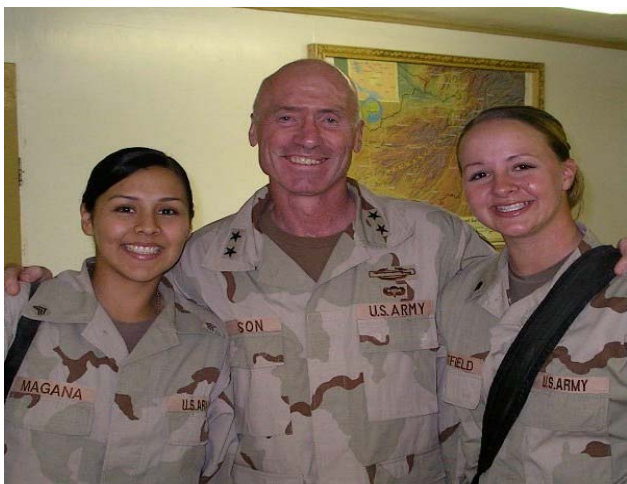
LTF 725 was pleased to welcome our Commanding General of the 25th ID (L), MG Olson, to our new home here at Bagram Air Base, (BAF) Afghanistan. On March 9, 2004, MG Olson arrived to BAF. The General arrived early, and in keeping with 25th ID (L) standards, he did exactly what we thought he would do; he went on a run! The roads and trails of BAF received its first pounding of our fearless leader, as our soldiers recognized him with the thunderous words of, "Tropic Lightning, Sir!!" It felt like Trimble Road once again. After a long day, the General returned to BAF to have dinner with his soldiers of LTF 725. As our soldiers anticipated his arrival, you could feel the intensity in the air. Although we were presently under the command of the 10th Mountain, the pride of the 25th ID (L) was stronger than ever to welcome our Commander. "At Ease, Tropic Lighting Sir!" was called vigorously as the general and his aide entered the Viper Dining Facility. After personally greeting every soldier, we all sat down to eat and converse with him. MG Olson was open and honest as usual, as he answered questions and concerns.



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SGT Magana and SPC Hatfield with the CG, MG Olson



Soldiers of the LTF 725 with the Commanding General of the 25th ID(L), MG Olson

Everyone eagerly listened as the general updated us all on the home front of Hawaii. He talked about the transitioning of our soldiers and family members, the good and bad weather Hawaii was experiencing, and the Great Aloha Run. Of course, the general could not leave without a more formal address to his soldiers. As he stood up in the middle of the room, you could feel his voice and his message alike. "I have heard nothing but good things about the 725th (Main Support Battalion)", he said. "You are the forefront of the Tropic Lighting, and will set the standards for the transition of the 25th to succeed the 10th Mountain". The general expressed how excited he was for us to represent what he called "the cutting edge of 25th ID (L) history". The evening was closed with individual and group pictures by the many cameras brought to capture the moment. As we all prepared to depart, pride, tradition, and upholding standards of the 25th was in mind and heart as we stood at attention and saluted with "Tropic Lightning!"

Support Operations

Support Operations is a big task here in Afghanistan! LTF 725 is the center of all the support on base... whether it is Class I (food and water), Class III (fuel operations) or Class V (ammunition) and much more, we have our hands on it all! Here are some articles from the Support Operations world that tell a little bit about what we're doing here at Bagram. Look for more in future newsletters.

Class 1

by 1LT Adrian Tejada

The Logistical Task Force 725 Class I section consists of 1LT Adrian Tejada, Sgt Elga Magana from 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks Hawaii and CW2 Brock Sanders from 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York.

The duties and responsibilities of the Class I section are to feed and provide re-supply to all individuals in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Mountain Storm on Bagram Air Field and all Forward Operation Bases.

Supervising approximately 20 KBR employees and 40 Afghani local nationals, Class I supports all military personnel and Dining Facilities within its Theater of Operation to include: Logistical, Infantry, Medical, Engineer, Aviation & Special Forces units from the United States, Canada, Germany, Korea, France, Egypt and other Coalition Forces.



Class 1 section; SGT Magana, and 1LT Tejada



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The LTF 725 Class I section, after only 5 weeks since their arrival, has already been personally recognized for their excellence in execution by the JLC Commander, Public Affairs Office, Red Cross and many of the supported units across Afghanistan.

Everyday, we soldiers of LTF 725 love, pray and miss all of our family members and friends back in the U.S. We hope to make all of you proud and thankful that we are over here to protect each of you back home.

Class III

by CPT Jason Migliore

The fuel section is a large operation here in Afghanistan. CPT Migliore and SFC Golson manage an average of 3 million gallons of fuel being received and issued per month on Bagram Air Field (BAF). The fuel is trucked into BAF from refineries in Theater. Once the fuel arrives to our location, Kellogg Brown and Root personnel (KBR) download the fuel to the holding area. KBR ensures that the proper amount of fuel is received and they also test the fuel. From the holding area, the fuel will be issued out to various customers here on BAF and throughout the Theater.



SFC Golson and CPT Migliore stand on one of the guard towers that look over the arriving truck holding area

Fuel Lab

Newly promoted SGT Ontiveros, along with SSG Sanchez and SPC Pugh are the new fuel testers for Bagram Air Field. They get samples of various fuels throughout the week and test them to ensure the fuel meets the Army's standards. They do an API Gravity test with a hydrometer to determine the density

and temperature of the fuel. They use Distillation testing to determine what residue is left when the fuel burns. They test for contaminants and determine the flash point (the temperature at which the fuel will ignite). They use an Electric Conductivity test to ensure the correct amount of Corrosion Inhibitor was added to the fuel, which prevents static, as well as corrosion, inside the pipes. They are a three-person team whose work prevents vehicles and aircraft from

possible difficulties or accidents. We are proud to have these 329th POL soldiers working with our Logistics Task Force.



SPC Pugh and SGT Ontiveros from the 329th Fuel Lab



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Fuel Section

Our attached 58th QM Petroleum Unit is keeping our aircraft fueled 24 hours a day. These 19 soldiers out of Fort Lee, Virginia are fueling five different types of aircraft in three person teams. They test the amount of water in the fuel, and ensure no contaminants enter the aircraft.



Soldiers from the 58th POL Detachment at the CL III site

SPO Transportation by CPT Rob Schoppert

Our Transportation section is responsible for managing and coordinating external transportation mission support for all of Afghanistan. CPT Schoppert, SFC Finch, SGT Orden provide Host Nation Truck support to soldiers and civilians at Bagram Air Field and 14 Forward Operating Bases. On a daily basis, the Trans section goes out the gate to meet Afghani truck drivers in order to set up the days' missions. The Afghani people are nice and generally seem to appreciate the fact that we are here. We have a designated budget to pay the host nation trucking companies, who then navigate the local roads of Afghanistan.

Transportation Section

Our Trans section transports fuel and equipment to our fuel points, Class II & IX items to various locations around the airfield, while at the same time accomplishing endless tasks on our own camp. PFC Scharf has helped with construction on numerous projects, eager to work alongside SPC Walker to take on any task put before them. At the same time PFC Samita is expertly maneuvering the 5-ton truck around the SSA (Supply Support Activity), getting her vehicle loaded and delivering items around base. As their missions continue to broaden, the transportation personnel will be efficiently ensuring the LTF mission will continue to be accomplished.



SSG Gutman, Trans section NCOIC, in the trans CP



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Mortuary Affairs

Our 54th Mortuary Affairs 3-person team has one of the most difficult and important missions in theater. They manage the collection point and operate as a TMEP (Theater Mortuary Affairs Evacuation Point) for all of Afghanistan as well as receive and evacuate deceased U.S., Coalition, and local national personnel. They conduct search and recovery missions across the country and operate as a Personal Effects Depot. They are capable of processing ten U.S. remains in a twenty-four hour period with their 3-person team. The care of our deceased is in excellent hands with these personnel, and although we pray they never have missions, we have full confidence that they will give their utmost respect and handle our personnel with dignity and honor.



PFC Buckley from the 54th QM (Mortuary Affairs)

Supply Support Activity

by SFC Robert Ashcraft

The HQ/A, 725 LTF Supply Support Activity is managed by Brown and Root personnel and over seen by 1LT Wunderlich (the Accountable Officer), and SFC Ashcraft (Warehouse NCOIC). Our primary focus is to support over 200 active units and other coalition forces in all supply arenas. The SSA has over 2,800 lines of Authorized Stockage consisting of Class II, III(P), IV, VII and IX, which are tailored for this specific theater of operation. The SSA impacts every soldier in and around Bagram every day, as it receives, stores, issues and turns-in the all the supply classes mentioned above. Their task is daunting as their operation runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, yet they never fail to get units what they need.

Maintenance Section

by CPT Dawn Hayman

The maintenance team has arrived in Afghanistan and they have picked up a fast and vigorous workload. Consisting of vehicle maintenance, armament (weapons) maintenance, and electronic maintenance sections, CW4 Barlow oversees a team that is steadily working to ensure that the equipment of the units that we they support is always mission capable. The vehicle maintenance sections works hand in hand with Kellog Brown and Root, a civilian contracting company, to ensure that all the vehicles on Bagram are mission capable. These soldiers are always motivated and ready to fix whatever comes their way. After only days on the ground in Bagram, the maintenance team sent a delegation of soldiers to a Forward Operating Base to directly support an infantry unit on a serious mission. The soldiers set the standard for quality combat service support and showed the 10th Mountain Division what service is all about!

The armament section consists of two dedicated soldiers, SGT Collins and SPC Al-Hassan. One is a small arms repair technician, and the other is a fire control system repairer. They perform an extremely important mission, ensuring that all advanced level maintenance is completed on the Joint Task Force Weapons. These two soldiers have weapons parts in reserve and a great mission at hand!

Another shop with an important mission is the Electronic Maintenance Shop, better known as the ELM section. ELM is responsible for all communication various electronic repair throughout Bagram and our supporting Forward Operating Bases. They are responsible for repairing all communications equipment and any other special electronic systems. Recently, they have been extremely busy repairing systems for the United States Marine Corps and other non-Army units here on Bagram. These soldiers are working hard to familiarize themselves with many new pieces of equipment that they have not yet encountered. All of these sections are looking forward to challenging months ahead. No matter where we deploy to, there is never a shortage of maintenance work!



PFC Katherine Denny, an Engineer Equipment Repair Specialist, after a long day's work



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LTF Recreational Activities

by CPT Soraya Esmaili

Although the soldiers of LTF 725 certainly work hard, we also do our best to relax when we can. This task force has started some hard work to improve the recreational facilities that we have. We have a small building that is solely dedicated to Morale Welfare and Recreational (MWR) use, which we have started expanding. Two weeks ago, the Engineer task force poured a concrete foundation for the expansion of the existing building. Soon we will start the new building, which will include an expanded book library, a chapel area, and a new movie theatre.

Our task force is fortunate enough to have a volleyball court behind our living quarters, which we pretend is just off the North Shore. With the sounds of some island music on the CD player we're transported home (okay, it's not even close). If only we had some water! Adjacent to the volleyball court, we are working hard to give the soldiers a new gym area. We have enclosed an existing outdoor patio to make room for new weights and cardio equipment for the LTF.

As for our camp, we have renamed it *Hale Kokua Koa*. It means "home of the service warrior" in the Hawaiian language. This was our way of letting the soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen know that although we "do it island style", we are a strong and ready unit, ready to succeed in our mission in Afghanistan.



Soldiers are putting their skills to work to expand our MWR gym facilities and make our stay here better!

LTF Unit Ministry Team

by CPT Scott Crossfield

Greetings from the 725 Unit Ministry Team. It seems like yesterday we received word to deploy and now we find ourselves almost 2 months into our tour. It has been a safe and successful mission thus far and that is due in part to all the prayers and emotional support that we have received from home. Thank You to all the families and rear detachment personnel who encourage us each day. We could not do it without you!

Chaplain Assistant PFC Paul Byrd and his wife Teresa were recently blessed with their first child, a son named Dean Austin. We are thankful that mom and child are doing well and that PFC Byrd was able to be present at the birth.



The TF Commander, Chaplain Crossfield and some soldiers on a humanitarian mission to a women's school.



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The Unit Ministry Team has been very busy here in Bagram. We have a Sunday Service for our compound along with numerous other services offered at the base. There are 2 Bible studies going here along with a group that gathers each morning to pray before the day. While it is hard to be away from loved ones, it is an excellent opportunity for soldiers to focus on their faith. I believe that if we look to God with the expectation to grow, he can use this time to draw us closer to him. Our motto is, "Don't count the days, but make the days count". A close walk with God really helps to keep this in perspective for the soldier or the family member.

In trying to make the days count, the UMT has become heavily involved in humanitarian aid to the local area. We have already made one trip to a Woman's Center, an Orphanage and a local village to hand out basic needs items. Hopefully throughout the year we will be able to do more of this to impact the lives of local Afghans with a little Aloha love. It is great to see the smiling faces that are learning to understand that our soldiers are committed to helping them.

Your wives, husbands, children and friends here are doing a great job making the 25th Infantry Division and America proud. Keep us in your prayers and keep the care packages coming. Together we will fight the good fight from Afghanistan and Hawaii against Terrorism so our country can live both free and safe.

A Soldier's Thought's and prayers

Written by: PFC Michael A. Evans

As he lies in the prone, with the sweat
rolling down his face

The soldier begins to cry, wondering why
the good lord put him in this place

He thinks of the last time he held his kids,
Or kissed his wife goodnight

You couldn't even begin to imagine his
Feelings, as he holds his rifle tight

Some of you would call him a killer
But he is only fighting for his life

But what you don't know, a soldier only
Lives from night to night

When he finally lays his head down, he
Thanks the lord for one more day

But he doesn't pray for himself, he prays
That his family will be okay

You might wonder how I know a soldier's point of view

It's because those are my thoughts and prayers,
Because I am a soldier, too

So instead of praying for yourself, say a
Prayer for that soldier tonight

Ask the lord to lay his hands on that soldier

So he will again one day,
And be able to hold his family tight

Remember that at no time, has freedom
Ever been free

Because before the us, someone lost
From today on take your colors to heart,
The amazing red, white, and blue

Because somewhere out there,
a soldier, is laying their life on line,
to ensure freedom for you.



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Facts for you and your family about Afghanistan



Location: Southern Asia, north and west of Pakistan, east of Iran

Area: 647,500 sq. ft. Slightly smaller than Texas

Capital: Kabul

Afghanistan population: 28,717,213



Congratulations To The Following Officers Selected For Promotion To Captain:

1LT Tejada
1LT Fechter
1LT Lu
1LT Lane
1LT Hoover

1LT McDonald
1LT Cartagena
1LT Russell
1LT Bouchillon

Congratulations To The Following Soldiers For Being Promoted The Month Of April:

1LT Tejada to CPT
PFC Morales to SPC
PFC Rodriguez to SPC
PV2 Diaz to PFC
PVT Richardson to PV2
PFC Evans to SPC
SPC Vanmetre to SGT
PV2 Foster to PFC
PV2 Arnold to PFC

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SOLDIERS WHO WERE ACCEPTED INTO OFFICER'S CANDIDATE SCHOOL

SGT Gregg Rivers
SPC Dassie Jones



1SG Green and some squared-away soldiers listen eagerly as they receive an upcoming mission from 2LT Wunderlich.



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News From the Homefront

Bravo Company

By CPT Shelia Jenkins
Bravo Company Commander

Aloha and greetings from Bravo Company. This quarter the unit has seen many significant changes. Deployments, moves, reorganizations and taskings have been the anchor which has grounded the unit. We want to welcome all of our new family members into our newly combined company and want to extend to them our continued support. I would like to congratulate the following soldiers for their recent promotions: PFC Manthe, PFC Guzman, PFC Kirk, PFC Kohl, PFC Jesse, PFC Linseisen-Snead, PFC Scott, PFC Wilson, SPC Alhassan, SPC Evans, SPC Fulks, SPC Rodriguez, SPC Tyler and SPC Gibby.

Thank you for your support and we ask that you please pray for our troops.

Charlie Company

by CPT Joseph R. Narvaez
Charlie Company Commander

Greetings from Charlie Rock! Charlie Company has had an interesting start to the New Year. Upon notification that we would all be deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, we had to react quickly and load equipment at virtually a moment's notice. After many days working long hours, the Rock accomplished the mission thanks to all the hard working soldiers. The advanced party, consisting of CPT Narvaez, SFC Goodman, SPC Ingram, and SPC Bull was just pushed out the door on April 13th to help make the transition into Afghanistan smoother.

Charlie Company has performed well at promotion boards. Most notably was SGT Moe's recognition as NCO of the month and SPC Benevente's recognition as soldier of the month. The following soldiers were also recently promoted: SPC Behel, PFC Brotherston, PFC Fonneman, SPC Shockley, PFC Wiechert, and SPC Valenzuela. Charlie Rock has also received a batch of high-speed new soldiers: LTC John Farley, Physician, MAJ Sean Carroll, Physician, 2LT Julie Sheets, Physician's Assistant, SFC James Brown, Ambulance Platoon Sergeant, SFC Jonathan Goodman, Headquarters Platoon Sergeant, SFC Gary Newman, Preventive Medicine NCOIC, SFC John Valentine, Mental Health Services NCOIC, Treatment Platoon's SSG Alma Alexander, SPC Timothy Laynor, SPC Thomas McMahon, PFC Oitancan Zephier, PV2 Christopher Casey, PV2 Kenneth Crisostomo, Ambulance Platoon's, PFC Mark Riden, PFC Losefo Tapua, PFC Steven Wiechert, and Mental Health Services' PFC Brandon Fonneman.

I would like to congratulate a few soldiers on their recent weddings: SPC Bull, SPC Adams, now Valenzuela, PV2 Casey, and LTC Farley. My best wishes go out to them and their new families.

On a final note, Charlie Co, 725 Main Support Battalion stands ready to deploy and meet the upcoming mission in Afghanistan. We are prepared and confident that we will accomplish the task at hand and return safely in a year to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. "CHARLIE ROCK"

71st Chemical Company

by CPT Will Barnes
71st Chem. Company Commander

We have welcomed over 30 new soldiers to our company over the past several months and would like to extend a warm welcome to each of them and their families. We also have several soldiers in the upcoming months that will be leaving, and we'd like to wish them farewell and thank them for all they have done for the 71st. We are all busy with our JRSC gate-guard mission on Foote Gate (so stop by and visit with us), as well as funeral detail for this region- so we are staying gainfully employed. We wish God's speed to our fellow soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Best wishes also to the following soldiers who have recently welcomed a new addition to their families: SPC Byrd, SPC Whelan, SGT Mills, SGT Thomas, and PFC Best!



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Family Readiness Group News

by Corina Hausherr-Smith

Although I am no longer "new" to 725 MSB I still feel new as I write this article because this is the first newsletter that we have published. As the Family Readiness Group (FRG) Leader for 725 MSB I want to encourage you to stay in contact with your company FRG Leaders, as they are a great source of information regarding the deployment and activities that are going on both in the battalion and around Schofield Barracks. The FRG Leaders are:

HQ/A Company-
Bravo Company-
Charlie Company-
Delta Company-
71st Chemical Co.-

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Jennifer Fox: jenfox1984@yahoo.com
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Tammy Barnes: tajbarnes@yahoo.com

The rear detachment commander for 725 MSB is MAJ Teresa Rae and she is the go-to person for any official or administrative information you are seeking. She can be reached by emailing her at teresa.rae@schofield.army.mil, or by phone at (808) 655-8251.

The FRG Leaders have been doing a great job and have given so much of their free time to do everything they can in support of our deployed soldiers. HQ/A has been selling the yellow and red/white/blue magnets that you may see on the back of people's cars. They have managed to raise a good amount of money and have earmarked it for care packages, family functions for spouses and children, and a big welcome home party for our loved ones when they return from this deployment. Charlie Company has been selling the pins that you may see some folks wearing on their shirts and lapels. They were also out in full force at the Family Fun Fest on 10 April raising money for the company. Please get in touch with your FRG for more information. I know the other companies are also working hard to raise money for their soldiers and I want to publicly thank all of them for the tremendous amount of personal time they put into supporting their units. We could not do it without them.

These newsletters will be published quarterly. It has taken us a little bit longer than anticipated to get this first one out. However, the next one is scheduled to be published by the end of June. Please send any articles, updates, or information that you want put out in the next newsletter to me via email by 15 June. My email address is smithhaus4@yahoo.com.

On a final note I want to make sure that everyone has the addresses of our deployed soldiers. Send as much mail as you can or want to, our 'Service to the Line' soldiers are always competing to see who gets the most mail and personal mail always lifts their spirits! There is nothing they like more than to hear from loved ones back home. If you do not have the addresses they are as follows:

Kirkuk, Iraq

Soldier's Name (no rank)
HQ&A Company, 225th FSB 25th ID (L)
APO AE 09347-9998

Afghanistan (Kandahar)

Soldier's Name (no rank)
HQ/A, 725 MSB or 325 FSB
APO AE 09355-9998

Afghanistan (Bagram)

Soldier's Name (no rank)
HHD, LTF 725
APO AE 09354

K2

Soldier's Name (no rank)
C/725MSB
APO AE 09311

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